



City of Wichita

Wichita Police Department

Monthly Report

December 2005

Training Academy graduates 19 personnel

The Wichita/Sedgwick County Law Enforcement Training Center 2005 Fall Recruit Academy Class of the Wichita Police Department

Deputies.

City Manager George Kolb performed the swearing in, and remarks were given by Wichita

of basic law enforcement academy training, the officers and deputies will begin eight weeks of field training. The new

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ment and the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office graduated on Dec. 16 in the City Council Chambers in City Hall.

The graduating class included 12 Wichita Police Officers and seven Sedgwick County Sheriff's

Police Chief Norman Williams, Sedgwick County Sheriff Gary Steed, and Class Presidents, Officer Katherine Haliburton and Deputy Seth Lenker.

After having successfully completed 23 weeks

WPD Officers are: Aaron Chaffee, Seth Doshier, Kevin Dykstra, Katherine Haliburton, Stephanie Hall, Eric Mathews, Brian Nelson, Derek Purcell, Adam Weber, Daniel Weidner and Adam Zimmerman.

WPD closes year by arresting robbers

Around 5 a.m. on Dec. 30 the Kwik Shop at 4811 S. Seneca was robbed by a man armed with a knife.

That same day, shortly after 11 a.m. Sunburst Tanning at 946 S. Rock was robbed by a man armed with a knife.

Shortly after 5 p.m. that same day, Tan Lines,

located at 7130 W. Maple, was robbed by a man armed with a knife.

The clerk in this robbery reported seeing a small white car parked near the business prior to the robbery.

The next day around 10:30 a.m., Tan Lines, 2312 W. Pawnee, was

robbed by a man armed with a knife.

Less than 30 minutes later, Attitude Tanning, 1728 S. Seneca Ct., was robbed by a man armed with a knife.

The clerk in this robbery saw the man and a woman leave the (cont. on page 5)

Special points of interest:

WPD closed out the year with a nine percent decrease in crime

Support Services staff celebrate the holidays with lots of good food, gift giving and laughter



JUDGE program revitalized

In an effort to encourage public participation in the JUDGE program, Officer Mike Lloyd hosted a meeting at Oscar's in Old Town on Dec. 14.

On Dec. 11 the Wichita Eagle did an extensive article on the concerns with teenage drinking and advertised the Dec. 14 meeting.

There was a great turnout for the meeting, and Officer Lloyd hopes that the public will continue to partner with WPD in this important program that addresses teen drinking through prevention, education and enforcement.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 2005

Mr. Norman D. Williams
Chief of Police
City of Wichita
4th Floor
455 North Main Street
Wichita, Kansas 67202

Dear Chief Williams:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush.

The President believes America's law enforcement officers are among our greatest heroes. By enforcing our laws and bringing criminals to justice, you and the dedicated men and women of your department have helped to ensure the safety of our citizens and our neighborhoods. Your courage and commitment to service are an inspiration and demonstrate the great character of our Nation.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Marguerite Murer

Marguerite A. Murer
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Presidential Correspondence

Did You Know.....

During the month of December, WPD members received 10 CPRs that were generated internally and 54 that were generated externally.

The Professional Standards Bureau opened three external complaints on members of the Department during December. There were 13 internal complaints filed against Department employees.

In the month of December, Field Services personnel issued 4,111 moving citations and 644 parking citations.

Officer Nicholas Halls got a big surprise when he was informed that he had a ride-along observer assigned to him, and the observer was a man who had filed a racial profiling complaint against him this past summer. Officer Halls and his observer spent the entire watch together and by the end of the night they were both talking freely and had developed a positive relationship. Officer Halls felt the ride along was very positive and helped him to understand the

citizen's viewpoint, and the citizen advised that the experience had restored his faith in the WPD and he was very pleased that he got the opportunity to ride along with

Officer Halls. This is a perfect example of officers and citizens building the bridge of trust.

On Dec. 11 PropertyRoom.com picked-up the first shipment of released property from Property and Evidence to be auctioned on line. Two 26' trucks were filled with property.

Detective Addie Perkins is working on a larceny from St Joseph Hospital. The victim was in a room with her sick husband when two unknown females came in to allegedly "pray" with them. When they got on their knees to

"pray" they took the victim's wallet from her purse. It is possible they have committed this crime at other hospitals in Wichita.



Retired Sgt. Robbie Davenport wrote to let us know that he has graduated from the Culinary Institute of America and for the next 15 months will be in the management training program in Dallas at the Dallas Hyatt Regency.

Detective Jeff Gilmore was able to get a gang member charged with criminal possession of a firearm and possession of cocaine. The man was released from prison on Dec. 9 after serving five years for aggravated sexual battery and aggravated battery. He was hanging out at a residence in the 400 block of N. Lorraine with several gang members when he was stopped and found to be in possession of a firearm and cocaine. An arrest and detain order was obtained and his parole was revoked.

Two plug-in programs for Adobe Photoshop were installed on the

computer in the Latent Print Section. These programs will provide greater enhancement capabilities of digital latent prints.

Officer Judi Jones and Cheryl Webb from the YWCA handed out 60 resource bags for Domestic Violence victims. They were left on each door of the apartments at 2700 and 2800 East 9th. This was done in response to multiple Domestic Violence reports coming from these apartments.

Gary Olsen retires after 34 years



Detective Gary Olsen retired on Dec. 21 after 34 years of service. A reception was held in the first floor Board room with a great turnout to say good-bye to Gary. Everyone was pleased to meet Gary's identical twin.

Gary's last assignment was as an Auto Theft detective. His winning smile and great personality will be missed.

Area children kick off the holidays at Patrol North



Some of the tree decorating participants took time to pose for the camera. City Councilman Carl Brewer, Capt. Felecia Norris and Chief Norman Williams joined the festivities.

Children from Grant Chapel AME and the Wichita Boys and Girls Club kicked off the holidays for Patrol North when they decorated the Christmas tree on Dec. 1.

This has been a yearly tradition since 1999. This year, Johnson's Garden Center donated a live tree and the Home Depot donated an artificial tree.

Following the decorating, the children were treated to cookies and punch.



Service Officer Marcel McNaught organizes the tree decorations while the children wait to get started.

Patrol North participates in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Parade

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church had their annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Parade on Dec. 11. The parade was one part of a five-day celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe's feast day that commemorates the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Juan Diego in Mexico during 1931. In Mexico, the feast day is a National Holiday celebrated by the entire country.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help culminated their celebrations with the parade that included 10 floats, several equestrian groups, mariachi bands and dancers. The JROTC unit from Truesdell

Middle School provided the color guard.

The parade started at 21st and Somerset, proceeding down 21st to Market. It then went on Market St. to the Church at 23rd and Market. The parade passed the reviewing stand in front of the Church where several local dignitaries judged the entrants. Among the parade judges were Bishop Michael Jackels, Bishop of Wichita, Bob Voboril, Superintendent of Wichita Catholic Schools, Peter Sal-

meron, President of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Jo Fernandez, Director of Hispanic Ministries for the Diocese of Wichita, and Captain Felicia Norris, Patrol North Bureau Commander.

Several thousand residents watched the parade and participated in the festivities later in the day.



Council members donate dinner for Officers/families

Patrol North personnel were treated to a special holiday dinner on Dec. 19 that was prepared by, and funded by, City Council members Carl Brewer and Sharon Fearey.

Bureau members and their families were treated to Councilman Brewer's special smoked brisket, hotlinks and chicken. Patrol North supervisors provided the side dishes and a good time was had by all. A big thanks to Mr. Brewer and Mrs. Fearey.

Proactive efforts of Officer lead to 911 call

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area in a White Pontiac Grand Am.

After the robbery at Attitude Tanning, Officer Jesica Cummings began contacting the tanning salons on her beat. Around noon she talked to a clerk at Sunkissed Tanning, 10243 W. 21st N. , providing descriptions of the robbery suspects and their method of operation.

On Dec. 31 around 3:30 p.m. a man and woman entered

Sunkissed Tanning on west 21st Street and asked for a job application. The clerk said the female was acting like she was on drugs so after she left, the clerk wisely locked the doors to the salon. She then spotted a White Pontiac Grand Am parked west of the business. She observed the man and woman walk from the car to a nearby fuel outlet and she immediately called 911 to report the suspects.

Officer Brian Goward and

Officer Daniel Gumm responded to the call and located the two suspects inside the fuel outlet.

A 34-year-old man and a 30-year-old woman were taken into custody without incident.

The officers located a pocket knife on the man that looked like the one described in the robberies.

Both suspects were charged by the DA with five counts of Aggravated Robbery.

Crime Scene Investigator saves co-worker's life

Friday, Dec. 9, started out as a typical, routine day when Crime Scene Investigators Kevin Brasser and Donna Elson were in the 6th Floor Lab beginning their 6:30 a.m. shift.

Around 6:45 a.m. that routine day changed significantly when Investigator Elson informed Investigator Brasser that she was having an allergic reaction and that she needed to go to the hospital.

Investigator Elson had eaten a cookie that contained a nut, which she did not know she was allergic to. She had suffered previous allergic reactions and realized that she was going to be in need of medical assistance.

Investigator Brasser was getting Investigator Elson headed toward the parking garage when he realized that her condition was deteriorating. He decided to save time so instead of getting her in a Lab

vehicle, he used his personal vehicle, which was parked closer.

After getting Investigator Elson in his vehicle, he headed for the hospital as Investigator Elson's condition continued to deteriorate.

Investigator Brasser carefully weighed his options and based on Investigator Elson's condition, he decided not to stop and call EMS because he was fairly close to the hospital.

With this decision made, Investigator Brasser wasted no time in getting Investigator Elson to Via Christi - St. Francis and it's probably a good thing that the Department wasn't running a LIDAR exercise that day.

When he arrived at St. Francis Investigator Elson was in very critical condition and was

unconscious and not breathing.

At St. Francis Investigator Brasser obtained assistance from the Emergency Room staff who had to place Investigator Elson on a gurney to get her in to the hospital.

Inside the hospital Investigator Elson's condition continued to deteriorate and she went in to cardiac arrest. She was revived by the hospital staff in the ER.

Investigator Elson's life was saved by the actions of Kevin Brasser on that day. What started out as a mild allergic reaction requiring a trip to the hospital turned potentially deadly very quickly. Investigator Brasser reacted to the situation with calm and precise actions. If Investigator Brasser would have hesitated in any of his actions, or if he would have waited for an ambulance to arrive, the outcome of the situation may have been gravely different.



WPD, WFD and East community give to family

In early December, Officer C.P. Gallagher received a phone call from former WPD Officer Jerrod Menges who now works for the Wichita Fire Department, about a family living on the 399 beat who was really struggling.

Firefighter Menges said that the single parent of the family had been diagnosed with a terminal case of lung cancer and given a life expectancy of about three months. He explained that the man was the sole parent caring for five children ranging in age between two and nine.

Officer Gallagher immediately and then called upon the entire unit of Patrol East Beat Coordinators for assistance.

Each Coordinator contacted community leaders on their beats and asked them to contribute to the family. Each Officer went out of his/her way to obtain food and toys for this family.

Officer Dave Hinners (39 Beat) and Officer Brian Mock (36 Beat) contacted Christine O'Trimble, manager of the Target North, 10800 E. 21st. Target contributed a \$200 gift card to obtain any necessary goods for the family.

Officer Mike Lloyd (37 Beat) and Officer Hinners contacted Mr. Phil Bush and Mr. Gary Andres, Managers of Sears East (7700 E. Kellogg), who donated various toys for each of the five children.



Officer Mock contacted a private citizen, Mrs. Betty Abbott, who contributed a large quantity of non perishable food items that the family would need throughout the coming months.

Officer Lloyd contacted Tina Brown, Manager of Dillons at 7707 E. Central. Dillons gave the family a complete Christmas dinner.

Officer Lloyd also contacted Chris Viles and Patty McDonguh, Managers at Towne East Square (7700 E. Kellogg). Towne East furnished miscellaneous toys, knickknacks and Simon gift cards for each of the children.

He also contacted Jared Hamans, Manager for Target East (301 S. Armour), who donated various toys.

Officer Steve Jerrell (33 Beat) contacted Ernie and Cyndi Jackson, owners of Country Bumpkins (3543 E. Douglas). The Jacksons were so moved by the story involving this family, they donated food, stockings, candy, toys as well as much needed coats, scarves, gloves and hats.

Officer John Bogle (38 Beat) contacted Sam Muyskens with Interfaith Ministries and secured an offer of non-perishable food and a cash voucher to purchase additional perishable food items.

Officer Valerie Shirkey (31 Beat) utilized her relationships with her family and friends in her neighborhood, and ascertained \$65 worth of toys for this family from Mr. Shane Sundine.

Officer Joe Seitz and Officer Heather Frazier, Community Affairs, were able to obtain quite a few gifts utilizing their Christmas Crusade resources.

Officer Darlene Zerr and Officer

Gallagher coordinated the receipt and documentation of the donated items and organized and wrapped everything for the family.

On Dec. 22, members of Patrol East Community Policing, Firefighter Menges and associ-



ates of Fire Station 15, and members of the media (KAKE and KSN) went to the family's home and presented them with the gifts from the community.

Due to the dedication of the members of the Patrol East Community Policing Team, the professionalism and concern of the Wichita Fire Department, and the sincere respect and best wishes of numerous citizens and business owners throughout the city of Wichita, the effort to improve Christmas for this family of six was a total and complete success. The efforts of everyone involved is greatly appreciated.



Stolen cell phone downfall of juvenile burglar

In late November, Officer Amie Fiegel worked a burglary in the 500 block of south Osage. After contacting a neighbor she learned of a possible suspect. She spent several hours trying to locate the suspect with the name she was given with negative results.

Officer Fiegel did not let this stop her and she was finally able to locate the correct name. The

suspect was located at West High School, so Officer Fiegel contacted Officer Don Kimball (School Resource Officer) and conducted an interview. The suspect denied knowing anything about the burglary but his clothing was a perfect match to the description given by witnesses.

Not to be outwitted, Officer Fiegel had the number of a cell phone taken in the burglary. She

called the number and could hear the phone vibrating in the suspect's coat.

A search of the suspect's coat resulted in the recovery of the stolen cell phone and other items taken in the burglary. The juvenile suspect was arrested and booked on burglary and theft charges thanks to Officer Fiegel's outstanding inventiveness, intelligence and diligence.

Pets in Crisis program goes citywide in 2005 with success

In 2005, pet-owners who were victims of domestic violence finally had an option for their beloved pets when they sought refuge at local women's shelters.

Before Officer Judi Jones and her sister Dr. Kelly Jones, veterinarian, came up with the Pets in

Crisis program, DV victims were forced to leave their pets behind when they entered a shelter.

The Pets in Crisis program developed a network of foster homes for pets.

In 2005, 15 animals were placed in the program; 11 animals were threatened by the abuser as

a way to control the victim; seven animals were abused by the same person as the victim and 31.7 days was the average stay for pets in foster homes.

The Pets In Crisis program is sponsored by the local YWCA and all referrals to the program go through the YWCA.

City Officials bring Christmas cheer to Boys and Girls Club



Around 50 children from the Boys and Girls Club of South Central Kansas, located at 2408 E. 21st St., wait patiently to receive a gift from Santa and his little elves.

Santa Claus, aka City Councilman Carl Brewer, along with his elves, delivered and distributed gifts to children at the Boys and Girls Club on Dec. 22.

Santa and his elves rode in a horse-drawn carriage from the Patrol North substation to the Boys and Girls Club.

Cowtown Museum employees decorated and drove the carriage.



Elf #1, aka Capt. Felecia Norris, Santa Claus, aka Councilman Carl Brewer, and Elf #2, aka Andrea Conley, get ready to pass out gifts.

Youth involvement in skateboard park results in 77 percent drop in crime



After more than a year of hard work, the skateboard park at Orchard Park, 4808 W. 9th, opened.

On Dec. 27, skate pyramids, ramps and other equipment were installed for the kids to use during Christmas break.

How the park came to exist is an interesting story. When vandalisms and other criminal activity by teens peaked in the Orchard Park area in the fall of 2004, the Wichita Police Department and the city staff at Orchard Park took action.

A group of approximately 15 youth were identified as causing problems at the park, skateboarding in the streets and loitering in the neighborhood. Officer Paul Zamorano, the 15 Beat Coordinator, made contact with the youth and opened a dialogue.

Officer Zamorano and the other members of the 15 beat team started working with the

youth, and the youth expressed a desire to have a skateboard area. Officer Zamorano told them that he would help them with their endeavor, but in exchange they would have to take a significant amount of responsibility for monitoring Orchard Park, and they would have to play a role in reducing vandalism and crime in the park. At their first meeting, only two youth and three parents showed up, but they didn't let this dissuade them. At their second meeting, more than 50 youth and their parents were in attendance.

With Officer Zamorano helping them navigate the system, the youth went to work on their skateboard project. They first approached the Orchard Park Neighborhood Association, seeking their approval to move forward. Not only did the Neighborhood As-



presented their idea of adding the skateboard recreational amenity to Orchard Park to the Board of Park Commissioners. The Board unanimously supported the project, so the youth then presented their proposal to City Council member Sharon

Fearey and the District Advisory Board VI, where they also received unanimous approval.

The group immediately began working on securing the funding for their project. With the help of Officer Zamorano and the Orchard Park Neighborhood Association, the group of youth began organizing a number of fundraising events.

A number of private businesses also made significant financial and in-kind contributions to the project, according to Officer Zamorano. These include the Quik-Trip Corp., Wal-Mart, Cornejo and Sons, the Wichita Area Builder's Association and The Pusher.

Crime fell 77 percent in the park after the area youth took on the skateboard park project.



Officer Paul Zamorano

City of Wichita

**Patrol North
personnel were
treated to a holiday
lunch on Dec. 19**

Holiday lunch



Employees do good job presenting training

The Wichita Police Department has a long history of presenting diversity awareness training to its personnel. This practice has proven to be beneficial to community policing efforts, in that it makes it easier to develop new relationships and partnerships in the community.

With the recent attention to racial profiling and Senate Bill 77, diversity training is now mandated on an annual, on-going basis by all law enforcement agencies in the state.

When developing the agenda for the fall mandatory in-service training, the Training Academy decided to enlist the assistance of the US Department of Justice's Community Relations Service (CRS). The CRS had developed a diversity awareness piece for law enforcement entitled "Building Cultural Competence: Arab,

Muslim, and Sikh Americans."

The Training Academy asked for volunteers to attend the training, who would then train WPD personnel, and 22 volunteered.

After receiving the train the trainer instruction, WPD personnel met on two occasions to go over the material, ask questions of each other and determine the individual training assignments. The class was presented 27 times during a two-hour block of the mandatory in-service classes.

The material presented was designed for awareness purposes during routine contacts with Arab, Muslim and Sikh Americans. Although it was designed to be basic awareness material and not controversial with any of its content, it was still a delicate assignment for these volunteer instructors due to the harsh

feelings that some persons hold for Arabs and Muslims. They did an outstanding job of delivering the material in the fashion intended, and the feedback from the surveys that were administered showed that the vast majority (72 percent) of respondents thought that the training was useful and informative.

The following personnel served as instructors: Michelle Bluck, Officer Daniel Boone, Sgt. Jim Buettgenbach, Detective Brad Carver, Officer Adam Cole, Officer Duane Crafton, Officer Charley Davidson, Officer Enrique Aguiniga De LaTorre, Officer Alex Dean, Lt. Rusty Leeds, CSI Jeri Lema, Lt. Doug Nolte, Detective Lance Oldridge, Lt. Hassan Ramzah, Officer Lenny Rose, Sgt. Jamal Shourbaji and Officer Jason Waite.